

# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 2, 2025

10:30 AM

Board Room

## Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Precious Brady-Davis, Commissioner Yumeka Brown, Commissioner Cameron Davis, Vice-President Patricia Theresa Flynn, Chairman of Finance Marcelino Garcia, Commissioner Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Commissioner Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Commissioner Sharon Waller, President Board of Commissioners Kari K. Steele*

### **THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:**

1. *Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.*
2. *Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.*
3. *Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.*
4. *One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.*

**Call Meeting to Order**

President Kari K. Steele presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** 9 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

**Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Sharon Waller, that the minutes from the last meeting of September 18, 2025, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

**Public Comments**

*None*

**Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole**

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, to recess and convene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

**Committee of the Whole****Approval of the Committee of the Whole Agenda**

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of October 2, 2025 was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

**Executive Session**

*None*

**Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners**

At 10:55 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

**Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions****Resolution**

1 [25-0733](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**Adopted**

2 [25-0734](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Illinois Environmental Council *(As Revised)*

**Adopted**

## Procurement Committee

### Report

3 [25-0716](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, September 16, 2025

**Published and Filed**

4 [25-0722](#) Report of request for proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, September 19, 2025

**Published and Filed**

5 [25-0727](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, September 23, 2025

**Published and Filed**

### Issue Purchase Order

6 [25-0710](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, to Furnish and Deliver VMware Software, Support and Subscription, in an amount not to exceed \$628,523.58, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1645481

**Approved**

7 [25-0715](#) Issue purchase orders for Contract 25-622-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Electrical and Mechanical Equipment to Various Locations, Item 1 to Hatfield and Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$60,635.00; Item 2 to Amerimex Motor and Controls, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$54,551.00; Item 3 to Indi Enterprise, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$73,889.00; Items 4, 6, and 7 to Helsel-Jepperson Electrical, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$403,730.00; Item 5 to Jamerson and Bauwens Electrical Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$102,255.00; Item 8 to Integrated Power System, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$65,986.00; and Item 9 to Affiliated Steam Equipment Co. dba Affiliated Steam and Hot Water, in an amount not to exceed \$161,376.18; Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-623070/623270/634650, Requisitions 1622439, 1622440, 1628546, 1634174, 1635092, 1635093, and 1636982

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-622-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

[Tabulation of Bids Received 25-622-11](#)

**Approved**

**8 25-0717** Issue purchase order to Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. for Furnishing Fiduciary Liability Insurance for the Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago 401(a) Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$8,183.00, and authorization for payment by direct voucher to Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. for Furnishing Fiduciary Liability Insurance for the Retiree Health Care Trust (OPEB), in an amount not to exceed \$7,217.00, Accounts 101-25000-612290 and P802-11000-798200 respectively, Requisition 1645529

**Attachments:** [Contract 22-RFP-12 Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix A Report - Mesirow](#)

**Approved**

**9 25-0719** Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company to provide group term life insurance for employees for a three-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$270,000.00, Account 101-25000-601250, 501-50000-601250, Requisition 1645550

**Attachments:** [Contract 22-RFP-12 Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix A Report -Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc.](#)

**Approved**

**10 25-0721** Issue purchase order to Motorola Solutions, Inc. to furnish and deliver STARCOM radios and hardware, including a 7-year warranty for portable radios and a 3-year warranty for mobile radios from the delivery date, to enable the MWRD Police to continue utilizing the STARCOM21 Network regional interoperable radio system, in an amount not to exceed \$85,621.90, Account 101-15000-623990, Requisition 1645555

**Approved**

#### Award Contract

**11 25-0713** Authority to award Contract 25-009-11, Furnish and Deliver Paper Towels to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A to Wipeco, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$51,912.00 and Group B to Warehouse Direct, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$66,819.20, Account 101-20000-623660.

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-009-11 Item Descriptions](#)  
[Contract 25-009-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

**12 25-0714** Authority to award Contract 25-404-21, Furnish, Deliver, and Install One Chiller at the Main Office Building, to Autumn Construction Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$602,000.00, Account 201-50000-645680, Requisition 1638641

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-404-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D Report - Autumn Construction.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

**13 25-0711** Authority to increase purchase order and extend the agreement with WM Reply, Inc., for Contract 22-RFP-13, Intranet Development and Platform Support, in an amount of \$95,000.00, from an amount of \$550,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$645,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Purchase Order 3125792

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log.- Purchase Order 3125792](#)

**Approved**

**Engineering Committee****Report**

**14 25-0730** Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of July 2025

**Attachments:** [Attachment 1 CO Report July 2025 5% Contingency.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report July 2025.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

**Judiciary Committee****Authorization**

**15 25-0706** Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Atmane Bekri vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 22WC003814, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$35,000.00 Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

**16 25-0724** Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Chantell Hayes, fka Chantell Sims vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 23WC025651, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$219,578.39, Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

**Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee****Authorization**

**17 25-0731** Authorization to amend the policy regarding Retiree Contribution Rates for Health Care Benefits

**Attachments:** [9.16.2025 Retiree Rate History Slide.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**Real Estate Development Committee****Authorization**

**18 25-0725** Authority to consolidate four existing public recreational leases with the City of Evanston on approximately 121.05± acres of District real estate along the North Shore Channel into two lease agreements: one new 50-year lease for public recreational use, and one existing lease to continue as a public golf course. Consideration for the lease consolidation shall be a one-time fee of \$10.00

**Attachments:** [RE - Consolidate Evanston Park Leases Aerial 1.pdf](#)  
[RE - Consolidate Evanston Park Leases Aerial 2.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**19 25-0726** Ratify the action of the Acting Executive Director of September 22, 2025, issuing a 2-day permit to Universal Television LLC to film a scene for the television series "Chicago Med" at the District's Nicholas J. Melas Centennial Fountain located along the north bank of the Chicago River in Chicago, Illinois. Consideration shall be a permit fee of \$15,000.00

**Attachments:** [RE - Centennial Fountain Permit Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**20 25-0728** Consent to assignment of lease agreement dated October 24, 1940, between the District and Ergon Asphalt Partners, LP, on 6.25 acres of District real estate located south of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and east of Cicero Avenue in Cook County, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcel 39.08 to Heritage Asphalt, LLC. Consideration shall be a document preparation fee of \$5,000.00

**Attachments:** [RE - Consent to Assignment Heritage Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item: 21**

**A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**21 25-0736** MOTION to approve dates and time for the Regular Board Meetings of The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to be held in the year 2026

**A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Meeting Summary

#### Speakers

None

#### Summary of Requests

*Procurement Committee Item #11*

*Marcelino Garcia requested a report on paper product usage, pricing, and the variance cost versus usage over the past 5 years. He also requested a copy of the study referenced in the board letter and this item be used as a case study for multi year contracts*

*Real Estate Development Committee Item #20*

*Sharon Waller requested the District consider adding annual audit requirements in lease agreements*

#### Study Session

None

#### Announcements

None

#### Board Letter Submission Dates

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2025, please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.**

**Date agenda items are due to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management for signature and preparation: October 3, 2025**

**Date all agenda items are due to the Acting Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., October 8, 2025**

#### Adjournment

**A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. and also move that today's meeting be Adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: /s/ Jacqueline Torres, Clerk**

**Aye:** 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**APPROVAL:**

**In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this October 2, 2025, are hereby approved.**

**APPROVED:**

**/s/ Kari K. Steele**

**President Board of Commissioners of the  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago**

**October 2, 2025**